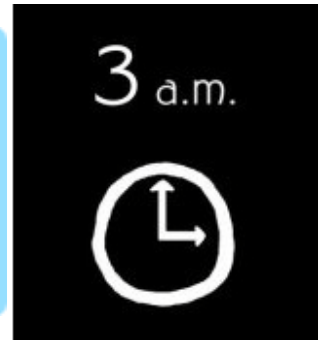
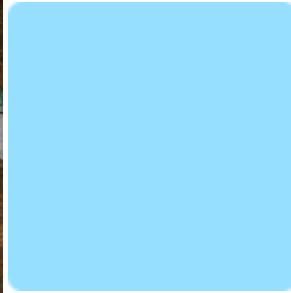




# Write On! For Literacy

## May 2010 Newsletter



### News & Thanks

My short story "Red" is featured in the latest issue of the literary magazine *Diverse Voices Quarterly*. [Read it here.](#)

I was interviewed by *Girls Life Magazine*! [Read it here](#) and please pass it along to the girls, dreamers, and aspiring writers you know!

Win an autographed copy of my second book, *3 a.m.*! To enter, all you have to do is [read my interview](#) on the *Mrs. Magoo Reads* blog, post a comment, and [post a comment on my blog](#) as well. Tell your friends!

Thanks to Brand New Theater for producing my one-act play "The Stars in Illinois" as part of their Spring Festival. It was amazing to see my words brought to life onstage. Special thanks to directors Leah Steiner and Michelle Cahn and

### Grad School Decision!

Hi everyone,

**Tomorrow I leave for New York City** to take part in a photo shoot for *Glamour Magazine* for the "Best of You" Contest. I am SO very excited!



Thanks again to all of you for voting for Write On! in the contest. While I am in NYC I am also looking forward to meeting my literary agents, the lovely Yfat Reiss Gendell and Kendra Jenkins. We have spoken on the phone numerous times, but have never met.

More exciting news: **I've decided to go to graduate school at Purdue University to get my M.F.A. in Fiction Writing!** I am thrilled and I feel very honored to have been accepted to this top-tier

actresses Tory Stolper and Jennifer Zahlit, and to all my friends and family who came to the show.

I was featured on The Indie Spotlight! [Read my interview here.](#)

My poem "Not Yet" was published by Ad Hoc Monadnock Online. [Read it here.](#)

Thanks to Debra Eckerling for featuring me on her wonderful blog for young writers, [Purple Pencil Adventures.](#)

Thank you Carolyn Howard-Johnson for publishing my article with tips for overcoming writers block on her [Sharing With Writers blog.](#)

I interviewed Daniel Errico, founder of the website FreeChildrenStories.com, about his writing journey. [The interview is archived on the Write On! website.](#)

[Read what I learned](#) about writing from Simon Van Booy's fantastic collection of short stories, *The Secret Lives of People in Love.*

Attention all young writers: I want to read your book reviews! Send a couple paragraphs about your favorite book to [dallaswoodburn@aol.com](mailto:dallaswoodburn@aol.com) for a chance to be published on the [Write On! website.](#)

Thank you to Chris Culver and the Young Writers Group at the Camarillo Library for having me as a guest speaker! I loved meeting you all and talking about writing with you!

Thank you to Gina Gutierrez for inviting me to be part of CAPE Charter School's "Day With An Author" event. I had a blast!

[To book me as a guest speaker](#) at your school, event, club meeting, etc. send me an email at [dallaswoodburn@aol.com](mailto:dallaswoodburn@aol.com). I'll be around

program. Purdue accepts four fiction writers and four poets each year. I'll be teaching one class of undergraduate writing/composition every semester in addition to taking creative writing courses myself. I'm really looking forward to the teaching element.

Another thing I'm really happy about is **the program is three years long** -- the final year is devoted to working on your thesis, which can be either a novel or a collection of short stories.

I flew out to Purdue to visit a couple weeks ago, and I felt at home right away. **Something clicked, and I know I'd found the right place for me.** I got to meet all of the fiction professors and I liked them a lot, and the other students were wonderful. And I'm actually really looking forward to living somewhere new, where the seasons change! I'll be moving to West Lafayette, Indiana (about two hours south of Chicago) in August.

**Special thanks** to Aimee Bender, Richard Fliegel, and Barry Kibrick for writing letters of recommendation for me and being so supportive during the application and decision-making process.



**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN for 2010 Write On!**

through August and would be delighted to come speak to your group!



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## Summer Writing Camp

I am now accepting sign-ups for the third annual Write On! 2010 Summer Writing Camp!

### **Don't delay! Space is limited!**

The goal of the camp is to make writing FUN (and also improve students' writing) through creativity-inducing writing exercises.

**Who:** Kids ages 8-18.

**When:** July 9, 10, 17 and 18. Students can attend either the morning session from 10 am-noon or the afternoon session from 1-3pm.

**Where:** Jensen Design & Survey at 1672 Donlon Street in Ventura, California.

**Cost:** The discounted early registration rates are available until June 1; after June 1, the prices are bumped up a little bit. It's okay if the student can't make all the sessions -- there are varying rates from just one session to all four sessions. Rates are posted on my [website](#).

**Register and find more information at**  
<http://writeonbooks.org/festivalofwriting.aspx>

*"Thank you so much for the amazing experience!! I had a wonderful time, learned a lot, and made a great new friend." -- Talia Lawson, 5th grader, about the 2009 Summer Writing Camp*